

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**M.Cr.C.No.1423 of 2020**

Balakram Baghel S/o Sukulram Baghel, Aged about 25 years, caste Mahara
R/o Vill. Munga Kotawarpara, Thana Darbha, Distt. Bastar (CG)

---Applicant**Versus**

State of Chhattisgarh Through P.S.-AJAK Jagdalpur, Distt. Bastar (CG)

---Non-Applicant

For Applicant	:	Mr.Vikas Shrivastava, Advocate
For Non-applicant	:	Mr.D.P.Singh, Dy.A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal
Order on Board

13/05/2020

1. The accused/applicant has moved this bail application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for release him on regular bail during trial in connection with Crime No.197/2019, registered at Police Station AJAK, Jagdalpur, Distt.Bastar (CG), for the offence punishable under Sections 363, 366 & 376 of the IPC, Section 4 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and Section 3 (2)(V) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on the pretext of marriage the applicant abducted minor prosecutrix and taken her on various places and committed sexual intercourse with her.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant has not committed any offence and he has falsely been implicated in crime in question. He would further submit that there is delay of 26 days in lodging the FIR, the applicant has been arrested on 26.10.2019 and charge-sheet has already been filed. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in jail.
4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the

bail application.

5. I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.

6. Taking into consideration the facts & circumstances of the case, nature & gravity of offence, pre-trial detention of the applicant and material available in the case diary, this Court is of the opinion that present is a fit case, in which, the applicant should be enlarged on regular bail.

7. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. is allowed.

8. It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of ₹ 25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, for his appearance as and when directed.

9. It is made clear that if the applicant has already been released on bail pursuant to the bail bonds already furnished in view of the order passed by the High Power Committee constituted in compliance of the order of the Supreme Court of India dated 23.3.2020 in the matter of In **Re : Contagion of COVID 19 Virus in Prisons** (Suo Motu Writ Petition (C) No.1/2020), he need not furnish bail bonds afresh and the bail bonds already furnished shall be deemed to be the bail bonds furnished in compliance of the order of this Court, but if he has not furnished bail bonds earlier, then he will be required to furnish bail bonds.

Sd/-

(Sanjay K. Agrawal)
JUDGE

B/-